consecutive amino acids of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID Nos. [2N, where N=1-56] 32, 40, 58, 62, 68, 86, 88, 94, and 112, wherein the recombinant polynucleotide alters the plant's disease tolerance or resistance when compared with the same trait of another plant lacking the recombinant polynucleotide.

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- 2. (Once Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide comprising a conserved domain selected from the group consisting of conserved domains provided in Figure 1 for SEQ ID Nos. [2N, where N=1-56] 32, 40, 58, 62, 68, 86, 88, 94, and 112.
- 3. The transgenic plant of claim 1, wherein the recombinant polynucleotide further comprises a promoter operably linked to said nucleotide sequence.
- 4. (Once Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 3, wherein said promoter is constitutive or inducible or [tissue-active] tissue-preferred.
- 5. (Once Amended) A method for altering the disease tolerance or resistance of a plant, said method comprising (a) transforming a plant with a recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 6 consecutive amino acids of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID Nos. [2N, where N=1-56] 32, 40, 58, 62, 68, 86, 88, 94, and 112, [(b) selecting said transformed plants]; and [(c)] (b) identifying a transformed plant having an altered disease tolerance or resistance.
- 6. (Once Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide comprising a conserved domain selected from the group consisting of conserved domains provided in Figure 1 for SEQ ID Nos. [2N, where N=1-56] 32, 40, 58, 62, 68, 86, 88, 94, and 112.
- 7. The method of claim 5, wherein the recombinant polynucleotide further comprises a promoter operably linked to said nucleotide sequence.
- 8. (Once Amended) The method of claim [7] 8, wherein said promoter is constitutive or inducible or [tssue-active] tissue-preferred.
- 9. (Once Amended) A method for altering the expression levels of at least one gene in a plant, said method comprising (a) transforming the plant with a recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 6 consecutive amino acids of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID Nos. [2N, where N=1-56] 32, 40, 58, 62, 68, 86, 88, 94, and 112.; and (b) [selecting said transformed plant] identifying a transformed plant having an altered disease tolerance or resistance.
- 10. (Once Amended) The method of claim [10] 9, wherein said recombinant polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide comprising a conserved domain selected from the group consisting of conserved domains provided in Figure 1 for SEQ ID Nos. [2N, where N=1-56] 32, 40, 58, 62, 68, 86, 88, 94, and 112.
- 11. (Once Amended) The method of claim [10] 9, wherein the nucleotide sequence further comprises a promoter operably linked to said nucleotide sequence.